

Remarks

With this amendment, Applicant amended claims 1, 6, 14, 18-19 and 26-27 and withdrew claims 2, 4, 7-13, 16, 21 and 24. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the now pending claims 1, 3, 5-6, 14-15, 17-20, 22-23 and 25-27.

Election/Restriction

The Official Action mailed February 17, 2005 required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. 121. In response to such restriction, Applicant has elected species D which corresponds to FIG. 8 and on which claims 1, 3, 5-6, 14-15, 17-20, 22-23 and 25-27 are readable. Applicant has elected species D and claims 1, 3, 5-6, 14-15, 17-20, 22-23 and 25-27 to merely further prosecution, and it is not the intention of the Applicant to limit the scope of the claims in any manner by the present election.



Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action mailed February 17, 2005. Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is requested, and allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #02-2666. If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (503) 439-8778 is respectfully solicited.

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